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1. In the period from 31 July through 25 August 1947, the purchasing agency of the Food Industry Section of USIA exported to Hungary the following materials which originated in the Ebensee Solvay-Werke at Ebensee, Land Oberoesterreich:

34,500 kg calcium carbonate
2,500 kg baking soda
1,000 kg caustic soda

These goods, along with 1,000 frame-saw blades, 70 kg of copper sulphate, and small quantities of papers and nails, were drawn from Lager Messe and dispatched to Hungary in four convoys of Yugoslav trucks. [redacted] the trucks brought fats and wine back to Austria. [redacted]

2. The Austrian Sugar Association (Zuckerwirtschaftsverband) selects the firms which are to be supplied with sugar from the refineries under Soviet (USIVA) control. The Association sends USIVA a list of firms with a request that a certain amount of sugar be allotted to each. After the money for the deliveries has been paid into the Soviet Military Bank, USIVA directs the Brucker Zuckerfabrik to deliver the designated amounts of sugar to the individual firms. Although USIVA has not, up to the present, cut the amounts of sugar requested by the Association, it has continually refused to furnish information as to how much sugar has been given out, thus depriving the Association of knowledge needed for drawing up the distribution plan for the next harvest.
3. From 29 November 1946 until 20 July 1947, the Brucker Zuckerfabrik delivered -- at the direction of USIVA -- a total of 1,630,827 tons of sugar to fifty-six different firms, almost all of which are in the Soviet Zone of Austria.

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4. A sealed warehouse on the premises of the Brucker Zuckerfabrik [redacted]
Comment: [redacted] contains about 120 carloads of sugar. During the
last week in August, the Konsumgenossenschaft (one of several Vienna ware-
houses for Russian employees of USIVA) received a bill of delivery, according
to which it would receive 15,000 kg. of granulated sugar at 3.50 schillings
per kg. and 10,000 kg. of raw sugar at 3.25 schillings per kg from the
sealed warehouse. Since 20 July, no sugar has been delivered from the
Brucker factory to Austrian consumers or Austrian firms. [redacted] Comment:
The Soviets, according to rumors in USIVA, hope to be able to use the need
for sugar as a further lever against the Austrian Government, which has not
yet acted to subsidize the ailing sugar industry. The latter needs about
7½ million schillings at present.)

5. At the end of August, USIVA applied to the Austrian Grain Commission (Getreide-
wirtschaftsverband) for a monthly allotment of fifty tons of barley for the produc-
tion of malt extract by the Hugendubel plant in Schwechat, a Soviet-administered
enterprise. Although the request was made with the avowed purpose of supplying
malt extract to the Austrian people, [redacted] so far no malt extract
has been allocated to Austrians by USIVA, but has gone only to Russian civilian
and military personnel.

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